



# St Joseph's College

Mathematics and Computing Specialist College

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the full Ofsted Inspection of the school on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April, St Joseph's College has been judged as "Good" in the four areas of:

- Effectiveness of leadership and management
- Quality of teaching and learning and assessment
- Personal development, behaviour and welfare
- The outcomes of pupils

## THIS GIVES US AN OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF "GOOD" OVERALL

As you will know in the last Ofsted Inspection on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014, the College was judged as "Requires Improvement" in all of the above areas. This "Good" judgement is a reflection of the hard work and dedication to improvement that staff and students have demonstrated, particularly since September last year. Enclosed with this letter is a "pdf" version of the report and it will also be available on the Ofsted website and our own website. The Inspectors said we were not quite outstanding but in a lot of areas we were working towards this and I can assure you that we will be working hard to achieve this for all our students over the coming years.

Inspectors wanted me to tell students and parents how smart and courteous the vast majority of our students were over the days of the inspection. They thought there was a real sense of community and pride across the school and noted the eloquence of many of our students. They commented particularly on the orderly environment and the enthusiasm of students to learn and succeed. They saw significant evidence in the significant strides in the teaching and learning since the last inspection and that the College not only had a clear vision but had the capacity to be able to improve still further.

Feedback from Inspectors suggested that in order to improve further we need to strengthen leadership and management so that Middle Leaders share best practice and that this runs throughout the whole school and that we develop consistency in our use of assessment information. We already have plans for both these aspects and you will learn more about new assessments systems in September. The second area identified for improvement is the provision and outcomes for students in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form. Once again we are already developing strategies to ensure this further improvement takes place. This is really good news for the school and the transformation of which we can all be proud.

My thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

David Garrido  
Headmaster

